

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 249

Introduced by Assembly Member Pavley

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 249—Relative to the 30th Anniversary of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 249, as introduced, Pavley. Year of Clean Water: Clean Water Month.

This measure would declare the year 2002 as the “Year of Clean Water” and October 2002 as “Clean Water Month,” and would encourage all Californians to recognize the importance of making a personal commitment to do their part to protect water quality and to commit to achieving the goals of the federal Water Pollution Control Act.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Clean water is an essential natural resource of
- 2 critical importance to all Californians; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Californians strongly support protecting the
- 4 quality of the state’s watersheds, wetlands, streams, rivers, lakes,
- 5 groundwater, beaches, and coastal waters; and

1 WHEREAS, Maintaining and improving water quality is
2 essential to protect public health and to provide a habitat for fish
3 and wildlife; and

4 WHEREAS, Maintaining and improving water quality is
5 necessary to our economic development and well-being, to
6 promote tourism and its beneficial effects for our economy, to
7 provide recreational activities, to protect fisheries, and to benefit
8 agriculture; and

9 WHEREAS, Water pollution problems persist and California
10 faces significant challenges to protect the quality of its water
11 resources and watersheds from point and nonpoint sources of
12 pollution; and

13 WHEREAS, Further development, innovation, and investment
14 in water pollution management practices, water infrastructure,
15 research and technological development, and education programs
16 are necessary and desirable to facilitate water quality protection;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, October 2002 marks the 30th anniversary of the
19 enactment of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act
20 Amendments of 1972 (P.L. 92-500), which extensively amended,
21 reorganized, and expanded the Federal Water Pollution Control
22 Act, to its modern form; now therefore be it

23 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
24 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature, in recognition of the 30th
25 anniversary of the enactment of The Federal Water Pollution
26 Control Act Amendments of 1972, declares the year 2002 the
27 “Year of Clean Water” and declares October 2002 as “Clean
28 Water Month”; and be it further

29 *Resolved*, That the Legislature encourages all Californians to
30 recognize the importance of making a personal commitment to do
31 their part to protect water quality and to recommit to achieving the
32 goals of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act; and be it further.

33 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
34 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

